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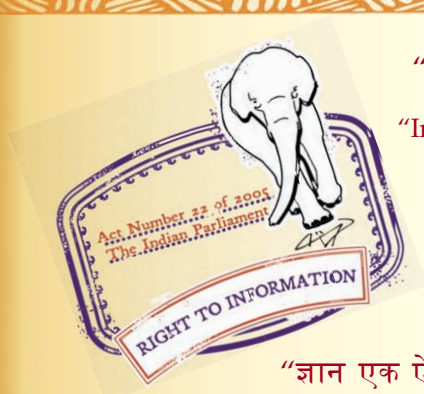
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# METHODS OF MEASUREMENT OF PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS OF POSITIVE-DISPLACEMENT VACUUM PUMPS

## PART III WATER VAPOUR PUMPING CAPACITY

### 0. FOREWORD

**0.1** This Indian Standard ( Part III ) was adopted by the Indian Standards Institution on 22 December 1976, after the draft finalized by the Chemical Engineering Sectional Committee had been approved by the Mechanical Engineering Division Council.

**0.2** This standard has been prepared to ensure that the measurement of performance characteristics of positive-displacement vacuum pumps are, as far as possible, carried out under uniform conditions. It is hoped that, as a result, measurements conducted by different manufacturers or in different laboratories and statements of performance quoted in manufacturer's literature would be on a comparable basis to the benefit of both the user and the manufacturer.

**0.3** This standard is being issued in parts. This part covers the measurement of the water vapour pumping capacity of positive-displacement vacuum pumps. The measurement of the volume rate of flow ( pumping speed ) has been covered in Part I, and the measurement of ultimate pressure has been covered in Part II of this standard.

**0.4** International system ( SI ) units have been used in the standard. For guidance, the relationship of these units to other units is given below:

$$\begin{aligned} 1 \text{ pascal ( Pa )} &= 1 \text{ newton/square metre} \\ &= 7.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ torr} \end{aligned}$$

**0.5** In reporting the result of a test made in accordance with this standard, if the final value, observed or calculated, is to be rounded off, it shall be done in accordance with IS : 2-1960\*.

\*Rules for rounding off numerical values ( revised ).

## **1. SCOPE**

**1.1** This standard specifies the method for determining the water vapour pumping capacity of positive-displacement vacuum pumps ( for example, gas-ballast pump ).

## **2. TERMINOLOGY**

**2.0** For the purpose of this standard, the following definitions, in addition to those given in IS : 4110-1967\*, shall apply.

**2.1 Water Vapour Tolerance** — The highest ( intake ) pressure at which a pump under normal ambient conditions ( 27°C, 101 kPa ), shall pump and exhaust water vapour in continuous operation.

**2.2 Water Vapour Pumping Capacity** — The maximum mass of water in grams which a pump shall pump and exhaust in the form of water vapour per hour in continuous operation under normal ambient conditions ( 27°C, 101 kPa ). The water vapour capacity may be calculated from the water vapour tolerance as specified in 4.1.

## **3. MEASUREMENT OF WATER VAPOUR TOLERANCE**

**3.1 Test Dome** — For the measurement a stainless steel test dome as shown in Fig. 1 shall be used; its volume shall be at least 5 times the chamber volume of the pump under test. The chamber volume is the nominal pumping speed per hour divided by the number of revolutions per hour and the number of intake strokes per revolution. The connection to the inlet port of the pump shall consist of an adaptor, the length of which should not exceed the dimension 0.5 *D*. The test dome may be mounted in a horizontal or vertical position. The appropriate dome dimensions for pumps of given size are indicated in Table 1.

**3.2 Method of Measurement** — The maximum amount of water carried with the exhaust gas at 100 percent saturation is measured and this quantity is considered to be equal to the maximum quantity which may be pumped in continuous operation. The maximum amount of water carried by the exhaust gas is calculated from the amount of gas-ballast air and the temperature of the exhaust gas. The temperature of the exhaust gas and the amount of gas-ballast shall be measured at the intake pressure corresponding to the water vapour tolerance. In order to arrive at this pressure several measurements in the sense of an approximation method are required. Instead of water vapour, the pump is allowed to pump ambient air during measurement, whereby related to the same intake pressure approximately the same exhaust gas temperatures are obtained, if necessary, after corresponding correction.

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\*Glossary of terms used in high vacuum technology.



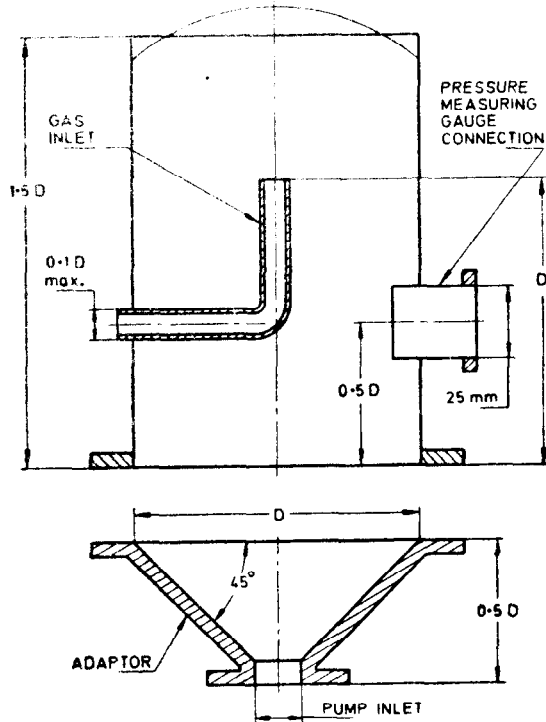


FIG. 1 RECOMMENDED FORM OF TEST DOME

TABLE 1 DOME DIMENSIONS FOR PUMP TESTING

( Clause 3.1, and Fig. 1 )

VOLUME SWEEPED PER COMPRESSION CYCLES IN LITRES $V_p$		VOLUME OF TEST DOME IN LITRES $V_D$	INTERNAL DIAMETER OF TEST DOME mm $D$
( 1 )	( 2 )	( 3 )	
From 0 up to and including	0.26	1.3	100
Over 0.26    "    "    "	1.1	5.4	160
"    1.1    "    "    "	4.2	21	250
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### 3.3 Gauges

**3.3.1 Thermometers** — For measuring the temperature of the exhaust gas and the ambient air, instruments such as mercury thermometers, resistance thermometers and the like, are used. The error of these instruments shall not exceed  $\pm 0.5^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

The measurement of the exhaust gas temperature is carried out in a tubular bend according to Fig. 2. Dimension  $D$  should be equal to the nominal width of the exhaust port of the pump, but should not be smaller than 20 mm. The temperature sensing device should be fitted at the location as indicated in such a way that the measured values are not appreciably affected by heat conduction.

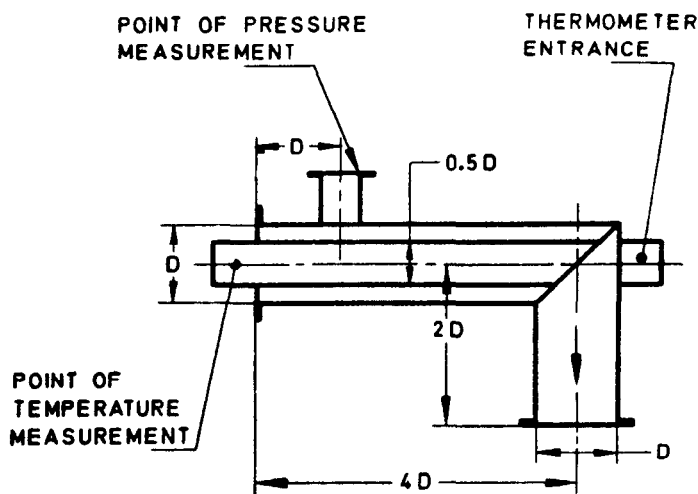


FIG. 2 TEMPERATURE MEASUREMENT ASSEMBLY FOR EXHAUST

**3.3.2 Pressure Gauges** — The intake pressure should be measured by means of a U-tube manometer or a calibrated diaphragm manometer, the error of which shall not exceed 5 percent of the pressure to be measured.

The gauges should be connected to the test dome as indicated in Fig. 1, without an intermediate cold trap. The pressure difference between the exhaust flange of the pump and the ambient atmosphere shall be measured with a U-tube manometer having an accuracy of  $\pm 133$  Pa.

**3.3.3 Gas-Ballast Metering Device** — For measuring the amount of gas-ballast a gas-meter having an accuracy of  $\pm 1$  percent or a float type meter shall be used.

**3.4 Procedure of Measurement** — The measuring set-up of the gauges is shown in Fig. 3. The pump under consideration is to be run with the variable-leak valve closed and the gas-ballast valve fully open for an adequate length of time, that is, until the increase of temperature as measured at the specified point in the exhaust is less than  $0.5^{\circ}\text{C}$ , within 15 minutes. The final temperature measured is the temperature of the exhaust gas,  $t$ . This procedure should be carried out for at least four different intake pressures in the test dome as equally stepped as possible. At least one of these intake pressures should be higher than the water vapour tolerance to be expected. For each intake pressure the following data shall be measured:

End temperature of the exhaust gas	$t^{\circ}\text{C}$
Intake pressure	$p$ kPa
Ambient temperature	$t_R^{\circ}\text{C}$
Amount of gas-ballast	$B$ $\text{m}^3 \text{h}^{-1}$

Measurements are only permissible if the atmospheric pressure is between 96 kPa and 107 kPa. In addition, care shall be taken that the pressure difference between the exhaust pressure and atmospheric pressure does not exceed 1.33 kPa. If the pressure difference exceeds 1.33 kPa the exhaust line is too restrictive and should be changed.

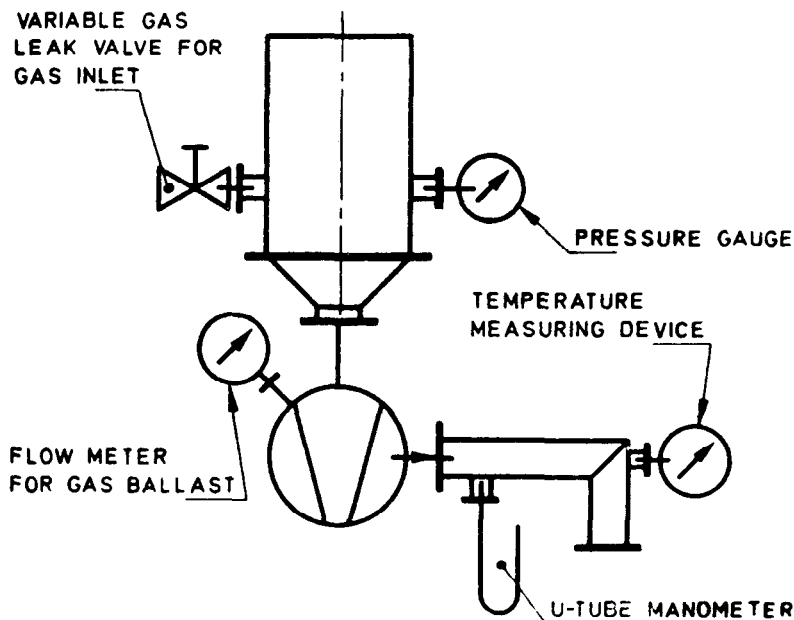


FIG. 3 EXPERIMENTAL SET-UP FOR DETERMINATION OF WATER VAPOUR PUMPING CAPACITY

**3.5 Rotational Speed** — In all the tests given above the actual rotational speed of the pump shall not deviate more than  $\pm 3$  percent from that specified by the supplier of the pump.

**3.6 Evaluation of Measurements** — The measured exhaust gas temperature,  $t$  shall be reduced by the difference between the ambient temperature  $t_R$ , as measured and the ambient temperature of  $27^\circ\text{C}$  to which the water vapour tolerance is being related. In addition, a correction shall be made for the temperature  $t_R$  of the pumped air at the intake, if  $t_R$  deviates from the vapour saturation temperature  $t_s$ , which is a function of the intake pressure  $p$  as shown in Fig. 4.

The exhaust gas temperature required in the course of further evaluation is given by the formula:

$$t_o = t - (t_R - 27^\circ\text{C}) + \frac{t_s - t_R}{1 + \frac{B \times 101}{S \times p} \times \frac{5}{6}} \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

$S$  is the speed of the pump at the intake pressure  $p$ , in accordance with the speed characteristic of the pump, with gas ballast opened. The speed of the pump  $S$ , shall be determined in accordance with IS: 6849 (Part I)-1973\*. For  $B$  and  $S$  the same units shall be used. The values for  $t_o$  as a function of intake pressure  $p$  shall be plotted as in Fig. 5 (line  $A-B$ ) as well as the values for the relation  $B/S$  as function of the intake pressure (line  $C-D$ ).

The ratio of gas-ballast to pump speed at intake pressure (which approximately corresponds to the water vapour tolerance) shall then be calculated as a dimensionless number. The ordinate of point  $E$  which is the point of intersection of line  $A-B$ ,  $p_w = f(t_o)$  and the curve representing the relation  $\frac{B}{S}$  is the water vapour tolerance  $p_w$ . Values of  $\frac{B}{S}$  may be interpolated between the curves (see Fig. 5).

For  $\frac{B}{S} = 0.105$ , the water vapour tolerance  $p_w$  is given by the point of intersection ( $E$ ) of the line  $A-B$  with the relevant curve (see Fig. 5).

\*Methods of measurement of the performance characteristics of positive-displacement vacuum pumps: Part I Measurement of the volume rate of flow (pumping speed).

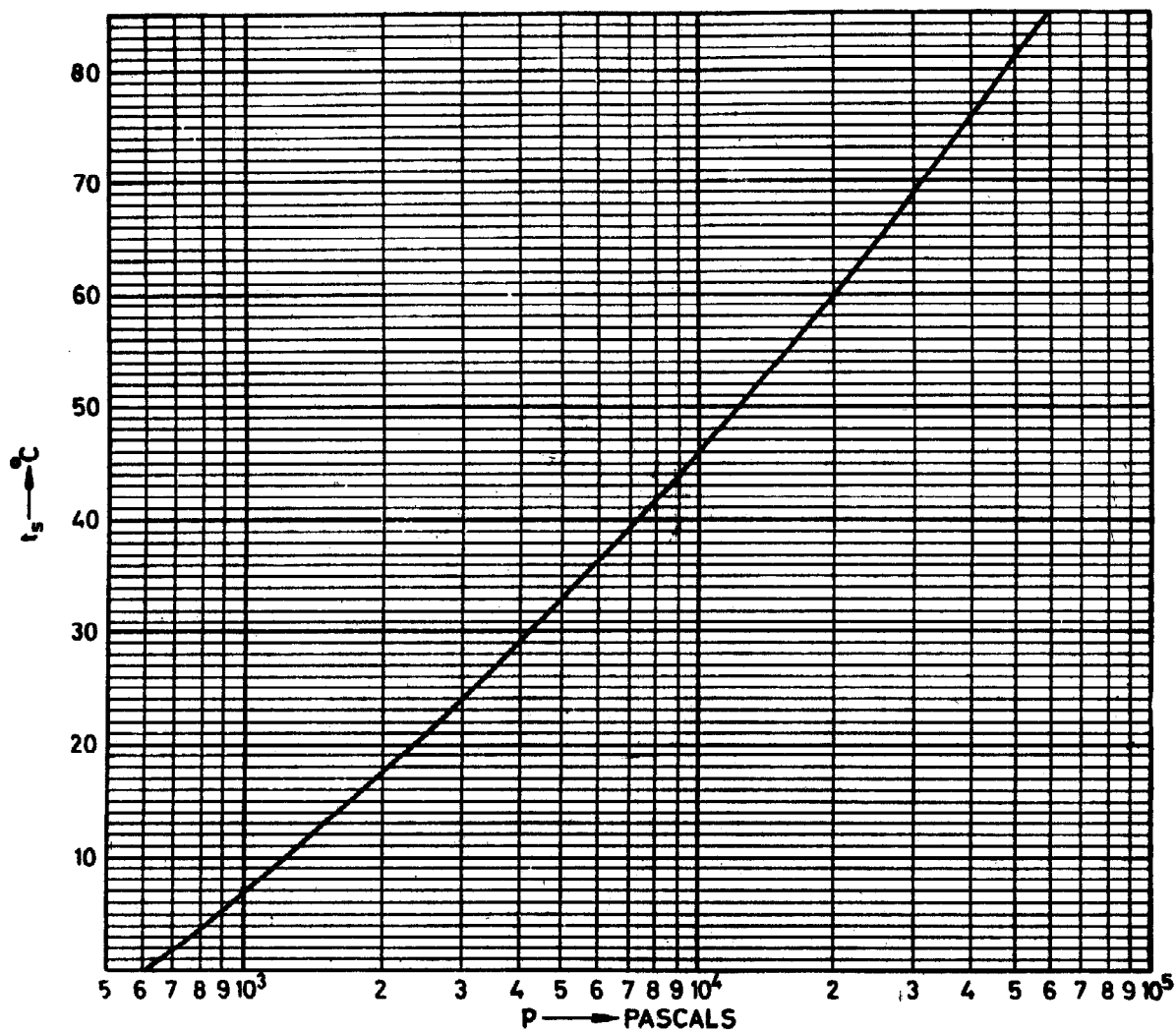


FIG. 4 SATURATED WATER VAPOUR PRESSURE AT DIFFERENT TEMPERATURES

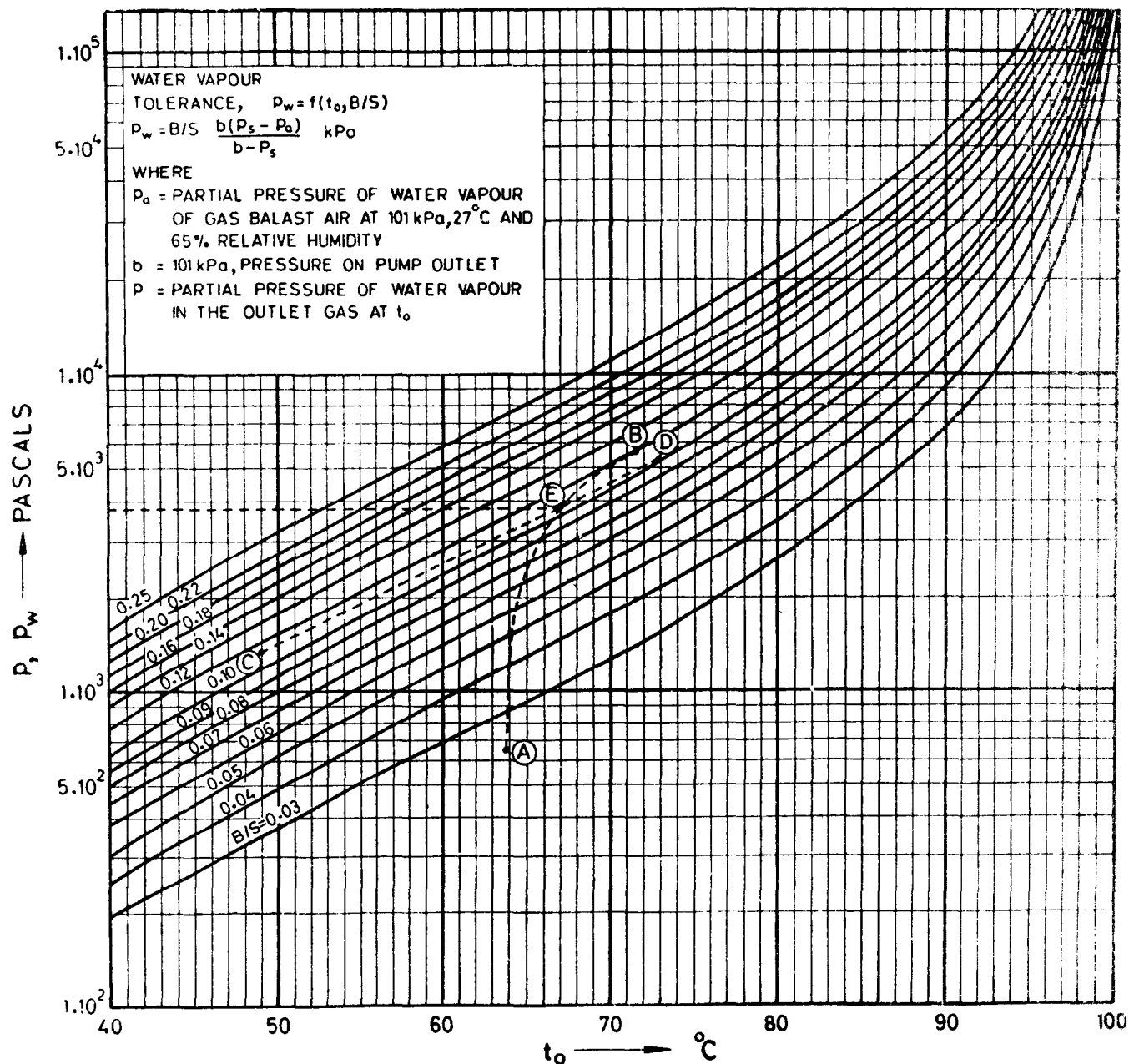


FIG. 5 CURVES FOR WATER VAPOUR TOLERANCE AT DIFFERENT TEMPERATURES

**4. WATER VAPOUR CAPACITY**

**4.1** For calculating the water vapour capacity  $c_w$  from the water vapour tolerance  $p_w$  the following formula is used:

$$c_w = S \left( \frac{0.86}{0.133} p_w + 2 \right) \text{ g h}^{-1} \dots \dots \dots (2)$$

The speed of the pump at the intake pressure  $p_w$ , expressed in kilopascals, shall be taken from the speed characteristic, when the pump is gas-ballasted and  $S$  is expressed in  $\text{m}^3 \text{h}^{-1}$

**4.2** The formula in 4.1 is sufficiently accurate for water vapour tolerances between 1.33 kPa and 8.00 kPa. Otherwise, standard tables for water vapour pressures at various temperatures shall be used.

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## Base Units

Quantity	Unit	Symbol
Length	metre	m
Mass	kilogram	kg
Time	second	s
Electric current	ampere	A
Thermodynamic temperature	kelvin	K
Luminous intensity	candela	cd
Amount of substance	mole	mol

## Supplementary Units

Quantity	Unit	Symbol
Plane angle	radian	rad
Solid angle	steradian	sr

## Derived Units

Quantity	Unit	Symbol	Definition
Force	newton	N	1 N = 1 kg.m/s <sup>2</sup>
Energy	joule	J	1 J = 1 N.m
Power	watt	W	1 W = 1 J/s
Flux	weber	Wb	1 Wb = 1 V.s
Flux density	tesla	T	1 T = 1 Wb/m <sup>2</sup>
Frequency	hertz	Hz	1 Hz = 1 c/s (s <sup>-1</sup> )
Electric conductance	siemens	S	1 S = 1 A/V
Electromotive force	volt	V	1 V = 1 W/A
Pressure, stress	pascal	Pa	1 Pa = 1 N/m <sup>2</sup>

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